

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device comprising:
 - a processor module comprising a processor and a display;
 - a sliding display cover moveably coupled to said processor module;
 - a sensing device coupled to said processor module and to said sliding display cover for providing geometric information indicating a relative position of said display with respect to an edge of said sliding display cover, wherein said geometric information is provided for a plurality of positions; and,
 - a device driver for performing an action in response to a signal, wherein said action is selected based upon the position of said edge relative to said display.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said action is a visual configuration of said display.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said

action is an initiation of communication with another device using said wireless transmitter.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said action is an initiation of communication with an external device, using said wireless transmitter.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said sensing device is a non-contact sensor device.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said display is a touch panel display forming a part of said sensing device.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld computer~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said sliding display cover comprises an input device coupled to said processor module.

8. (Original) A method of selecting an option in an electronic device comprising a processor module and a sliding cover, said method comprising:

a) displaying information on a display screen of said processor module;

b) positioning an edge of said sliding cover adjacent to a portion of said information on said display screen by sliding said sliding cover relative to said display screen;

c) activating a selection device of said electronic device; and

d) invoking an action of said electronic device related to said portion of said information.

9. (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 further comprising generating a position signal corresponding to a position of said sliding cover relative to said display screen.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said action is an execution of an application program.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said action is a display of related additional information to said portion of said information.

12. (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said selection device is a key.

13. (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover comprises a keyboard.

14. (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a microphone.

15. (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a speaker.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a handheld computer comprising a display, causes the handheld computer to configure a visual output of the display, comprising instructions for:

sensing a relative position of a sliding cover and a processor module, wherein said relative position is a partially closed position;

generating said visual output on said display, wherein said visual output comprises visual objects arranged to be viewable in response to said relative position.

17. (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating an application by said processor module.

18. (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating communication with an external device.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for altering said visual output in response to a signal.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said instructions are for a rearrangement of a previously displayed visual object.

21-24. (Canceled)